

# **NJ DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGULATIONS**

## **'FARMER' & 'FARM USE'**

### **SUBCHAPTER 12. FARM VEHICLES**

#### **13:21-12.1 Vehicles exempted from statutory provisions**

Within the restrictions listed in this Subchapter, vehicles registered under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:3-24 (self-propelled farm tractors, traction equipment, farm machinery and implements being operated singly or while drawing other farm implements or machinery), and N.J.S.A. 39:3-25 (farmer trucks, while drawing a farm implement or machine) may be operated on highways of this State singly or while drawing one piece of farm machinery or implement except that a farm tractor may draw two pieces of farm machinery or implements, one of which may carry a load, and such vehicles or combinations in either case may exceed the commercial vehicle dimension limitations as provided for under N.J.S.A. 39:3-84.

#### **13:21-12.2 Limitation on operation between farms**

Such farm vehicles, machinery or implements may be operated or drawn upon the public highways from one farm or portion thereof, to another farm or portion thereof, both owned or managed by the registered owner of the farm vehicle, machinery or implement.

#### **13:21-12.3 Hours of travel; visibility requirements**

(a) Such vehicles as described in Section 12.1 (Vehicles exempted from statutory provisions) of this Chapter shall not be operated on a public highway at any time between sunset and sunrise.

(b) Movements shall not be made during those times when forward visibility is limited to 500 feet, or when hazardous road conditions, such as snow or ice, exist.

#### **13:21-12.4 Distance of travel**

The vehicle or vehicles shall not be used to traverse a distance exceeding 15 miles of highway in traveling from one farm or portion thereof, to another farm or portion thereof, both owned or managed by the registered owner of the vehicle or vehicles.

#### **13:21-12.5 Speed limitations**

(a) Movements of vehicles of the types specified in this Subchapter shall be restricted to a maximum speed not in excess of 25 miles per hour.

(b) Whenever more than one implement of farm machinery or vehicle is being towed by a farm tractor, the speed shall be restricted to a maximum of 15 miles per hour.

#### **13:21-12.6 Vehicle dimensions**

(a) Vehicles as described in this Subchapter may not be operated on a highway when the vehicle, including load, exceeds a maximum width of eight feet and/or maximum overall length exceeds 50 feet unless such operation is in compliance with the following safety regulations concerning vehicles in excess of these regulatory dimensions:

1. Any farm vehicle, implement or machinery, including load, which exceeds eight feet in width and/or 50 feet in length shall display four red flags, one each on the outside extremities of the vehicle, both front and rear:

i. Such flags shall measure not less than 18 inches square.

ii. The top edge of the flags shall not be less than 48 inches from the surface of the roadway.

2. Any farm vehicle, implement or machinery and/or load which exceeds 12 feet in width and/or 60 feet in length will, in addition to the red flags provided for in subsection (a) of this Section, require one escorting vehicle when operating on a highway; and such operation may not be made on Sundays or holidays.

3. Farm vehicles, implements or machinery towed by a farm tractor shall be connected to the motor propelled vehicle or to the vehicle to which it is immediately attached, by at least one chain in addition to the hitch bar, of sufficient strength to hold the motor drawn vehicle on a hill if the hitching bar becomes disconnected.

#### **13:21-12.7 Priority of travel**

Operators of the type vehicles described in this Subchapter shall grant priority of the road to other vehicular travel at all times.

#### **13:21-12.8 Movement on certain highways**

Such vehicles may not travel any highway which is a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, or on any highway which has been designated a freeway or parkway.

#### **13:21-12.9 Tires; wheel coverings**

Vehicles not equipped with rubber tires shall be required to have attached to the wheels in such a manner to present a smooth surface to the highway, coverings of wood or other substances.

#### **13:21-12.10 Authority of Director**

The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles reserves the right, under Statutory authority, to impose such other restrictions or regulations as he may deem necessary in order to afford the maximum of safety and the minimum of delay to the majority of the motoring public.